

SENATE BILL 657

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37  
and Title 39, relative to children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-414(e), is amended by  
designating the current language as subdivision (e)(1) and adding the following subdivision  
(e)(2):

(2)

(A) It is an offense for a foster parent from a kinship placement to  
knowingly allow a child in the foster parent's care to visit with the child's parent if  
the foster parent had knowledge of a current court order prohibiting the parent  
from visiting with the child.

(B) A first violation of subdivision (e)(2)(A) is a Class C misdemeanor  
punishable by a fine only.

(C) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (e)(2)(A) is a Class B  
misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and  
applies to acts committed on or after that date.